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The date for the Tacoma public hearing on EPA's proposed air pollution emission standards for arsenic from the ASARCO smelter, originally scheduled for August 30, has been changed. The new date:

9 a.m.
Wednesday, November 2
(and, if necessary, the same time on November 3)
Rotunda Room
Tacoma Bicentennial Pavillion
1313 Market Street
Tacoma

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Because of the change, there has been an extension in the deadline for written comments on the EPA proposal to Saturday, December 10. Comments should be sent (in duplicate if possible) to this address:

Central Docket Section
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Persons commenting on the proposed standard for the ASARCO smelter in Tacoma are asked to put this notation on the front of the envelope: A-80-40.

It would also be helpful if persons who wish to present oral testimony at the November hearing in Tacoma would notify EPA of their intention by October 26. Please write Laurie Kral, Air Programs Branch (Mail Stop 532), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle 98101, or call her at 442-1089.

EPA has prepared three fact sheets which summarize EPA's proposal and the estimated health risks associated with the Tacoma smelter's arsenic emissions. These fact sheets are available at the following locations:

- Swasey, Mottet, Fern Hill, South Tacoma, Moore, McCormick, Kobetich, Municipal Reference and Main Branches of Tacoma Public Library
- Library, University of Puget Sound
- Lakewood and Peninsula Branches of the Pierce County Library
- Vashon Island Branch, King County Library
- Washington State Library, Olympia
- EPA Office of Public Affairs, 12th Floor, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle

Anyone who needs more information than provided by the fact sheets is encouraged to review the documents from which they were derived. To make arrangements to see these documents, please write Dee Ann Kirkpatrick, Office of Public Affairs (Mail Stop 634), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle 98101, or call her at 442-1200

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6. TRANSCRIPT AVAILABILITY: Copies of the transcript will be available for review at the EPA regional offices in Seattle and the main branch of the Tacoma Public Library and the Vashon Public Library. Anyone wishing his or her own copy can make arrangements with the court reporter during a break.

7. EPA PANEL: The EPA panel taking testimony today includes several areas of expertise. These include policy, economics, health, legal, and control technology. The individuals will rotate in sitting on the panel during the hearing.

The Seattle panel representatives are:

- Ernesta Barnes, Regional Administrator.
- Ed Coate, Deputy Regional Administrator.
- Alexandra Smith, Director, Air & Waste Division.
- Gary O'Neal, Director, Environmental Services Division.
- Charles Findley, Deputy Director, Air & Waste Division.
- Clark Gaulding, Chief, Air Programs Branch.
- Dana Davoli, Environmental Health Advisor.
- Mike Johnston, Chief, Air Operations Section.
- Wayne Grotheer, Engineer.
- Mark Hooper, Engineer.

Representatives of our Washington, D.C. and Research Triangle Park offices are:

- Jim Barnes, EPA's General Counsel
- Earl Salo, Office of General Counsel
- David R. Patrick, Chief, Pollutant Assessment Branch
- John O'Connor, Chief, Economic Analysis Branch
- Robert Ajax, Chief, Standards Development Branch
- Al Vervaert, Environmental Engineer
- Todd Thorslund, Biostatistician, Carcinogenic Group

8. HEARING OFFICERS: Jim Moore is the hearing officer and he is the regional counsel for EPA in the Northwest. Ted Rogowski is the alternate hearing officer. He is a member of our regional counsel office in Seattle.